GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Department – Allegations on failure to obtain the Service Register (SR) of the main Accused Officer, Sri D.Ravi Kumar, AEE (late) from the concerned authorities while claiming the salary and continuing him in service upto the date of his ACB trap on 28-11-2016, beyond the actual date of retirement– Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri E.Venugopala Reddy, the then Dy.EE, PRISD, Udayagiri - Charge framed – Inquiry conducted – Further action dropped - Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 228 Dated: 05-04-2025
Read the following:-

Ref: 1.Letter Rc. NO.144/RCT-NNL/2016, dt.22.05.2019 of DG,ACB.
2.Letter RC.No.144/RCT-NNL/2016, dt 24.6.2021 of DG,ACB.
3.G.O.Rt.No.384,PR&RD (Vig.II) Det., dt 15.07.2021.
4.G.O.Rt.No.387,PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.15.07.2021.
5.WSD, dt 23.08.2021 of Sri E.Venugopala Reddy, the then Dy.EE, PRISD, Udayagiri.
6.G.O.Rt.No.813, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.08.09.2022.
7.D.O.Lr.No.60/COI-RPT/2022, dt.31.05.2023 of Member, COI, G.A. Dept.
8.Govt. Memo No.13332/Vig.II/2016-14, dt.12.07.2023.
9.Representation, dt.04.08.2023 of Sri E.Venugopala Reddy, the then Dy.EE, PRISD, Udayagiri.

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ORDER:

The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P. in the references 1st and 2nd read above, has furnished reports on the allegation of cheating the Government in continuing the Accused Officer, Sri D.Ravi Kumar, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Dattaluru (M), SPSR Nellore District (expired) in service upto the date of his ACB trap on 28-11-2016 in his office when he demanded and accepted bribe for an amount of Rs.55,000/- from Sri Lekkala Pedda Mala Konda Reddy for recording measurements of CC road works in M.Book beyond the actual date of retirement and recommended to place the defense of Sri E.Venugopala Reddy, the then Dy.EE, PRISD, Udayagiri, before the COI for violation of Rules 3(1) & 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules,1964, among others.

2. Based on the above recommendations and allegations, Government in the reference 3rd read above, initiated common disciplinary proceedings against Sri D.Ravi Kumar, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Dattaluru (M), SPSR Nellore District (expired) and (11) others under Rule 24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 and accordingly, in the reference 4th read above, framed the following article of charge under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Sri E.Venugopala Reddy, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRISD, Udayagiri with a direction to submit his written statement of defense:

Charge:

The Government Servant while working as DEE, PRI Sub-Division, Udayagiri from 01-06-2010 to 21-05-2013, failed to update the service particulars of Sri Durgam Ravi Kumar, AEE while claiming the first

salary and he did not request to furnish the retirement particulars of the AEE of the Division during the calendar year, 2013.

3. In the reference 5th read above, the Charged Officer, Sri E.Venugopala Reddy, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRISD, Udayagiri has submitted his Written Statement of defense and denied the charge framed against him. After examining and having not satisfied with the Written Statement of defense, Government entrusted the case to the COI and appointed Sri R.P.Thakur, I.P.S.(Retd.), Member, Commissionerate of Inquiries as Inquiring Authority to conduct regular inquiry into the charges framed against them and also appointed Presenting Officer, under Rule 20(2)(5)(c) of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991, vide reference 6th read above.

4. In the reference 7th read above, the Member, Commissionerate of Inquiries, General Administration Department has submitted inquiry report, dt.31.05.2023, wherein, the Inquiring Authority has held the charge framed against charged officer, Sri E.Venugopala Reddy, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRISD, Udayagiri, as not proved, among others.

5. In the reference 8th read above, Government have communicated a copy of the inquiry report to the charged officer, Sri E.Venugopala Reddy, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRISD, Udayagiri, as per Rule 21(2) of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 for his representation, if any, on the findings of the inquiry report. Accordingly, in the reference 9th read above, the charged officer, Sri E.Venugopala Reddy, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRISD, Udayagiri has submitted his representation and accepted the findings of the Inquiring Officer and requested the Government to drop the charge framed against him.

6. After careful examination of the entire matter, Government hereby drop further action against Sri E.Venugopala Reddy, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRISD, Udayagiri in the matter, as the charge framed against him is held as not proved in the inquiry.

7. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada.
Sri E.Venugopala Reddy, the then Dy.EE, PRISD, Udayagiri
(**Through** the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada).

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The DG, ACB, AP, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The Accountant General, AP, Vijayawada.
The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department.
The OSD to the Hon'ble Dy.C.M for PR, RD, RWS&S and EFS&T.
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